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Amendments to the Drawings

The attached sheet of drawings includes a change to Fig. 18. This sheet replaces the original sheet including Fig. 18. In Fig. 18, a legend "Prior Art" is added.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet

REMARKS

At the time of the Office Action dated January 26, 2005, claims 1-10 were pending. Applicants acknowledge, with appreciation, the Examiner's indication that claims 2 and 3 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 1 and 4-10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over the admitted prior art (Fig. 18) in view of Demizu.

In this Amendment, allowable claim 2 has been amended to be in independent form based on claim 1, and claims 1 and 7-10 canceled. Care has been exercised to avoid the introduction of new matter.

Applicants note that the rejection of claims 1 and 4-10 has been rendered moot because of the cancellation of claims 1 and 7-10 and the amendment of claim 2 to be in independent form. It is also noted that the objections to claims 7 and 9 have been rendered moot by cancellation of those claims.

Fig. 18 has been amended to add the legend "Prior Art" in response to the Examiner's objection.

It should, therefore, be apparent that the imposed rejection and objections have been overcome and that all pending claims are in condition for immediate allowance. Favorable consideration is, therefore, respectfully solicited.

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